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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously Presented) A container comprising a container body having an aperture having an aperture perimeter therearound, a cover having a perimeter therearound which corresponds to the perimeter around the aperture of the body, a seal at least partially juxtaposed to said aperture perimeter, and a slider; said container closable with the cover and at least partially sealable therearound with the seal, the slider structured such that the manipulation of the slider fully activates the seal,
said container further comprising a track juxtaposed to, but being radially spaced apart from said seal, whereby said slider is movable in the track
said track comprising an auxiliary track not operatively juxtaposed with the seal.
2. (Previously Presented) A container according to Claim 1, said container being openable or closable with the slider movable along the track, whereby said slider applies or releases a seal as said slider moves along said track, said track and said seal being congruent for a sector of said aperture perimeter and being spaced apart from each other at a point circumferentially displaced from said sector.
3. (Previously Presented) A container according to Claim 1, sealable around said entire aperture perimeter.
4. (Original) A container according to Claim 3, comprising upstanding walls wherein said seal is disposed on a flange circumjacent said upstanding walls.
5. (Original) A container according to Claim 4, wherein said seal is leak resistant.
6. (Original) A container according to Claim 5, wherein said seal comprises a compression seal.
7. (Original) A container according to Claim 6, wherein said seal comprises a C-shaped cross section.
8. (Original) A container according to Claim 2, wherein said seal subtends a first sector, and said track subtends a second sector, said first sector being greater than said second sector.
9. (Original) A container according to Claim 1, wherein said track has at least one terminal end disposed outboard of said seal.

10. (Previously Presented) A container according to Claim 9 further comprising a hinge which attaches the cover to the container body, wherein said hinge is disposed outboard of said seal.
11. (Original) A method of opening and closing a container, said container comprising upstanding sidewalls and a removable cover sealably engagable at a perimeter seal, said seal being applied to and releasable from said container by a slider movable along a track, said method comprising the steps of:
providing said container and said cover, providing a slider disposed in a track having first and second spaced apart terminal ends, said terminal ends of said track being spaced apart from said seal;
moving said slider from said one said spaced apart terminal end into engagement with said seal;
tracing said slider along said track congruently with said seal, whereby said slider opens or closes said cover relative to said container as said slider applies or releases said seal, respectively.
12. (Original) A method according to Claim 11, wherein said step of opening or closing said container comprises the step moving said slider from the first terminal end to the second terminal end, said track subtending an arc of less than 360 degrees.
13. (Original) A method according to Claim 11, wherein said step of tracing said slider comprises the step of activating said slider to apply said seal, whereby said seal is operable against a static hydraulic pressure of 2.5 centimeters of distilled water.